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DYE RENDERING THE WORKPIECE WELD-

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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF March 14, 2006

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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